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MEMORANDUM FOR: Admiral R. L. Dennison, USN
Commander in Chief, Atlantic Command

Subject: "BUMPY ROAD"

References: A. CM-152-61 Dated 24 March 1961, Subj:
CIA Operation CROSSPATCH
B. CINCLANT Memo Serial Special 00029/61
Dated 20 March 1961
C. SM-363-61 Dated 1 April 1961

Enclosures: A. DD Support
B. LSD Support
C. Combat Air Patrol
D. Navigational Reference Points
E. Individual Ship Movement Schedule
(Code Name)
F. Instructions for DD Escort and CAP

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1. Reference A requested certain naval support for the subject para-military operation. Due to required changes in concept of movement of surface units, the requirements for U. S. Naval support as set forth in reference A are superseded by those contained in Enclosures A, B, and C hereto.

2. Enclosures D and E contain the required navigational and individual ship movements information for the ships of the Cuban Volunteer Force.

3. It is necessary to take precautions to assure that U. S. support of the Cuban Volunteer Force is not apparent and that support for this operation be undertaken so that the United States may

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possibly any participation. In order to achieve this goal, it is necessary to modify the instructions for the escorting destroyers and the combat air patrol. Accordingly, the specific "rules of engagement" as set forth in references b and c are superseded by the instructions contained in Enclosure F hereto.

4. D-Day is now scheduled for 17 April 1961.

L. L. LEMNITZER
Chairman
Joint Chiefs of Staff

cc: Admiral Burke, CNO
Director, J-5
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ENCLOSURE F

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DESTROYER ESCORT AND COMBAT AIR PATROL

1. The US destroyers providing the area coverage of the Cuban Volunteer Force ships will take the following precautions to avoid overt association with ships of the Cuban Forces:

a. During daylight hours they will maintain maximum practicable range ahead of the ships of the Cuban Force and maintain a patrol using courses and speeds so as to provide protection but not appear to be screening the Cuban Force ships.

b. During the hours of darkness the US destroyers are permitted to take station with respect to the Cuban Force ships to provide adequate protection.

c. US Naval support will not be used to support the landing operation. The US destroyers covering the transport ships of the Cuban Force will not close within 20 miles of the target area. After withdrawal of the SAN MARCOS from Point OLDMOBILE, the US destroyers will withdraw to Point PACKARD and rejoin the US Naval Task Group.

2. The surface and subsurface special rules of engagement are as follows:

a. Prior to reconnaissance of the Cuban Force ships:

(1) If intervention by US forces is required to protect the Cuban Force ships from attack or to prevent their capture, the US forces will intervene as necessary to protect the Cuban Force ship(s).

(2) This intervention will cancel the landing operation and the US destroyers will take measures short of firing on the Cuban Force ships, to cause them to withdraw to a port to be designated by the JCS upon receipt of the report of intervention.

(3) Subsequent to the intervention and withdrawal, the US destroyers will maintain close escort of the Cuban Force to provide protection and witness compliance with the withdrawal order.

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(c) U. S. forces will open fire only if the Cuban Force ship(s) is attacked.

b. After rendezvous of the Cuban Force ships at 1730 R, D-1 Day and until convoy has moved to a point within 20 miles of the objective area, a DD commanding officer will:

(1) Place his ship between the convoy and any suspicious or Cuban surface craft sighted.

(2) Warn the craft not to approach within gun range of the convoy.

(3) If the surface craft persists in closing the convoy, the DD will intervene as necessary to protect the Cuban Force ships, then follow instructions set forth in paragraph 2c(2) and (3) above.

c. Intervention by US destroyers after Cuban Force convoy has moved to a point within 20 miles of the objective area will be limited to that required to assist the SAN MARCOS as her request.

3. The combat air patrol mission pilots and air controllers will be instructed as follows:

a. The CAP will take station so that it will not give the appearance of covering the ships of the Cuban Force.

b. The "rules of engagement" are as follows:

(1) Any unidentified aircraft approaching within radar range of the Cuban Force ships and closing will be investigated.

(2) If investigation reveals the aircraft to be Cuban, the investigating aircraft will make successive close passes ensuring that the Cuban aircraft is aware of his presence.

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(3) If Cuban aircraft maintains course to close the Cuban Force ship(s) CAP will continue to make close passes in an attempt to divert.

(4) If Cuban aircraft insists in closing and attempts to take position to attack the Cuban Force ship(s), the CAP aircraft will open fire if the Cuban aircraft commences to fire on the Cuban Force ship(s) or if it opens its bomb bays and commences its bomb run.

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